

## **Professional Teaching Permits Pathway for Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science**

The following pathway allows professionals who hold a bachelor's degree in mathematics, computer science, or sciences to receive a Professional Teaching Permit in the corresponding subject area. This pathway is intended to address Wisconsin licensure areas identified as critical shortage areas.

### **Requirements for Wisconsin School Districts**

- Identify the need to hire an individual to fill a critical shortage area in this pathway.
- Provide supervision during the initial two-year permit period by a teacher who holds a Wisconsin teaching license.
- Ensure that no regularly licensed teacher is removed from his or her position as a result of the employment of a professional teaching permit holder.

### **Requirements for Professionals**

- Hold a bachelor's degree in mathematics, computer science, or science from an accredited college or university.
- Have at minimum five years of experience as a professional in the subject area in which the mathematics, computer science, or science bachelor's degree was awarded.
- Complete at minimum 100-hours of formal instruction in the application of modern curricula in the subject area. Training must be completed at a Wisconsin state-approved alternative teacher training program.  
<http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/pathways/professional-teaching-permits>
- Demonstrate competency in the subject area by posting a passing score on the state prescribed standardized content test(s) specific to the subject area license. [Wisconsin testing requirements](#)

**TO APPLY** for a two-year permit in this Pathway, a **Professional Teaching Permit applicant** must:

1. **SUBMIT** an original transcript as verification of a bachelor's degree in mathematics, science, or computer science from an accredited college or university. To determine if the institution where you completed your degree is accredited, go to: <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>
2. **SUBMIT** documentation of five years of professional experience from employer(s) by submitting an Employment Verification Form PI 1613 for each employer. Form PI 1613 is available at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/elo/supplementary-forms>
3. **SUBMIT** documentation of successfully completing 100 hours of training from a Wisconsin state-approved alternative training program, as identified at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/pathways/professional-teaching-permits>
4. **CHOOSE** the content test you will take. **REGISTER** directly with the test vendor to take the test:  
ETS Praxis II - [www.ets.org/praxis/wi](http://www.ets.org/praxis/wi)      Pearson NES - [www.wi.nesinc.com](http://www.wi.nesinc.com)
5. **TAKE** the test(s). **OBTAIN** an original score report from the test vendor. **VERIFY** minimum passing score. *Do not request score reports to be sent directly to the DPI.* **SUBMIT** original score report(s) with application.
6. **APPLY** for the 2-year Professional Teaching Permit using the Educator Licensing Online (ELO) application system at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/elo/other/professional-teaching>

After the 2-year permit period expires, the professional teacher permit may be renewed for 5-year periods.

7. **RENEW** the Professional Teaching Permit using the Educator Licensing Online (ELO) application system.

Additional information on the Professional Teacher Permits Pathway is available at:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/paths/professional-teaching-permits>

Bachelor's Degree I currently hold	Professional Teacher Permit I want to apply for	ETS Praxis II <sup>1</sup> test name - code	Passing Score	Pearson NES <sup>2</sup> test name - code	Passing Score
<b>I hold a Bachelor's degree in this area:</b>	<b>I want to apply for a professional teaching permit in this Wisconsin licensure area:</b>	<b>These are the only tests I may choose to take and the passing scores I must achieve.</b>  <b>ONLY ONE TEST FOR EACH SUBJECT AREA IS REQUIRED.</b>			
• Mathematics	Mathematics (400)	Mathematics: Content Knowledge - 0061	155	Mathematics - 304	220
• Biology	Biology (605)	Biology: Content Knowledge - 0235	152	Biology - 305	220
• Chemistry	Chemistry (610)	Chemistry: Content Knowledge - 0245	152	Chemistry - 306	220
• Earth and Space Science • Geology • Astronomy	Earth and Space Science (635)	Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge - 0571	152	Earth & Space Science - 307	220
• Environmental Studies • Natural Resources	Environmental Studies (615)	Biology: Content Knowledge - 0235	152	Biology - 305	220
• Biology • Environmental Studies	Life and Environmental Science (606)	Biology: Content Knowledge - 0235	152	Biology - 305	220
• Physics	Physics (625)	Physics: Content Knowledge - 0265	141	Physics - 308	220
• Physics • Chemistry	Physical Science (637)	Physical Science: Content Knowledge - 0481	150		
• Computer Science	Computer Science (405)	Computer Science Praxis - 5651	171		

For more information, please contact:

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

P.O. Box 7841

Madison, WI 53707-7841

Phone: 608-266-1027

[licensing@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:licensing@dpi.wi.gov)

*Updated December 9, 2016*

<sup>1</sup> The Educational Testing Service (ETS) administers the Praxis II content tests. Visit [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) for testing information.

<sup>2</sup> Pearson administers the NES content tests. Visit [www.wi.nesinc.com](http://www.wi.nesinc.com) for testing information.